



Community Profile

St. Charles, Illinois

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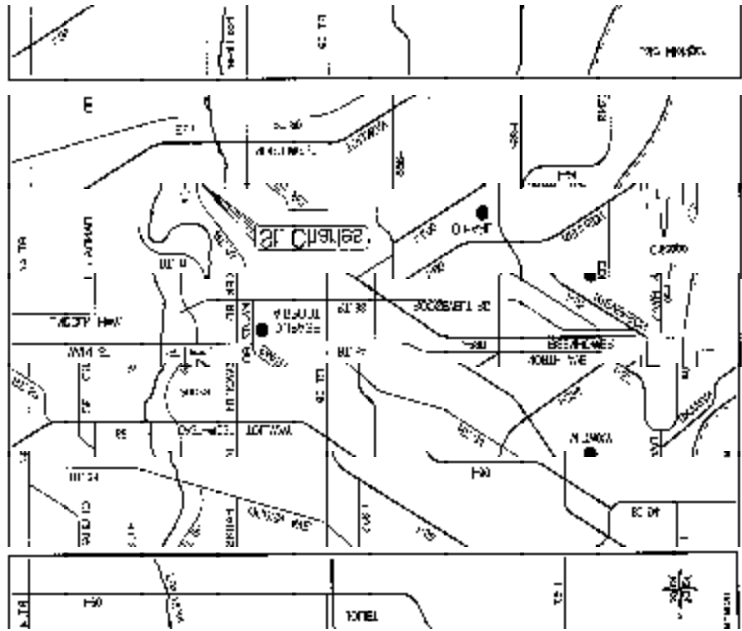
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City of St. Charles Economic Development Department

International employers, innovative schools, beautiful parks, responsive government (*founded 1834*), and significant architecture create a quality community-- earning St. Charles its reputation as the ***Pride of the Fox!***

St. Charles has a land area of 15.9 sq. miles. Located 35 miles west of downtown Chicago, the City is the center of Kane County, mid-way between Elgin and Aurora. State Highways 25, 31, 38, & 64 cross St. Charles, as do county thoroughfares Randall and Kirk Roads.

Over 1,750 businesses employ over 22,000 people consisting of a balanced mix of retailers, restaurants, and manufacturing facilities, in addition to other goods and services. They are assisted by a vibrant Chamber of Commerce, a full-service Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the award-winning Downtown St. Charles Partnership.



Fine dining, live theater, 1269 hotel rooms, 3 shopping districts, *Scarecrow Festival*, *Riverfest*, the *Fine Art Show*, the *Kane County Flea Market*, 120 miles bike paths in Kane County, world-class training/meeting facilities, and a welcoming business community are just some of the reasons this picturesque city on the Fox River is a destination for travel, shopping, and entertainment.

The *Charlestowne Mall* retail district, *Pheasant Run Resort & Convention Center*, *DuPage County Airport*, and *Charlestowne Medical Centers* surround a 715-acre Business Park on our eastside. To the west, our busy Randall Road corridor is home to the *Kane County Fairgrounds*, the *Kane County Judicial Center*, and retailers such as *Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse* and *Meijer's Superstore*.

Vibrant and charming, our downtown (named one of the region's "Top 10" by the *Chicago Tribune*) is well known for fine dining, arts & entertainment, recreational opportunities, unique shopping, and a lively nighttime personality. The First Street Redevelopment Project will add 60,000 s.f. of retail, 120 housing units, and a 300 car parking garage.

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*We're the **Pride of the Fox**, Come see why!*

Municipal Services

St. Charles has an Aldermatic form of government with a City Administrator in charge of daily operations. The Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2003. A comprehensive update of the zoning code will be completed in 2004. The 2003 International Building Code will be adopted in November, 2003. "Chapter 34" reviews are offered at no charge for all buildings proposed for redevelopment (to determine code requirements). The City is a Home Rule municipality and utilizes special financial incentives when appropriate.

Finance:

City 2003-04 Budget: \$117,050,900
(includes capital projects and St. Charles municipal electric power purchases)

St. Charles Police Department:

53 full-time officers and 1 canine unit
The St. Charles Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and adheres to the "best practices" in law enforcement. Programs offered are D.A.R.E., Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out/Community Picnic, Citizen Police Academy, Safety Town, and McGruff House.

St. Charles Fire Department:

34 full-time/25 POC firefighters and 12 paramedics
With a Fire Insurance Class rating of "2", St. Charles is ranked within the top 1% of the state. Emergency 911 system, public education, HAZMAT, and advanced life support/paramedic ambulance service provided.

Tax Structure

Property tax rates are per \$100 assessed valuation. Valuation is 33.3% of fair market value.

Utility Tax Rates: 2002		Property Tax Rates: 2002	
Public Utility on Electricity	5.00%	City	0.7489
Natural Gas	0.00%	County	0.4292
Telecommunications	5.00%	School	4.4792
Water	0.00%	Other	0.9684
		Total	6.6257

Sales Tax Rates: 2002

6.5% state tax*; .5% home rule tax; 1.0% food and beverage tax (on sales to groups under 100).

*(Qualifying goods, drugs, medical at 1.25%. Titled vehicles are taxed at 6.5%; add 1.0% Chicago Home Rule Tax if vehicle bought in St. Charles is registered in Chicago.)

Utilities and Services

Water Supplier: City of St. Charles

Source: 7 Municipal wells
Storage Capacity: 4,500,000 gallons
Production Capacity: 12,773,000 GPD
Average Daily Demand: 3,750,000 GPD
Peak Daily Demand: 8,010,000 GPD

Waste Water Treatment: City of St. Charles

Sewage Plant Type	Secondary	Tertiary*
Treatment Capacity:	9,000,000 GPD	700,000 GPD
Average Daily Load:	4,500,000 GPD	200,000 GPD
Excess Capacity:	4,500,000 GPD	900,000 GPD
Plant Location:	IL Rte. 25	IL Rte. 38
*Phase II design 2005-2006. Construction 2006-2007.		

Contact: Environmental Services Superintendent, Cliff White at (630) 377-4918.

Electric Supplier: City of St. Charles

COMMERCIAL RATES (Business)			
Type of Charge	Rate #3 Small	Rate #5 Mid Size	Rate #7 Lrg. Industrial
Charge/mo	\$7.80/meter	\$27.85/meter	\$111.38/meter
Demand Charge	(none)	Summer: \$13.09 per KW Non-summer: \$9.46 per KW	
Energy Charge	Summer: \$0.094/KWH Non-summer: \$0.066/KWH	Year-round: \$0.030/KWH	On-peak: \$0.034/KWH Off-peak: \$0.024/KWH

Different rates apply to residential customers.
Contact: Utility Billing Manager, Gail Blaha (630) 377-3670 or Electric Superintendent, Glynn Amburgey (630) 377-4403.

Natural Gas:

Nicor: Craig Whyte (815) 455-0271, ext. 292.
(www.nicor.com)

Telecommunications:

Cable TV: Comcast (www.comcast.com)
Local Phone: SBC Ameritech (www.sbc.com)

Refuse & Recycling:

Onyx Waste Services (www.onyxwasteservices.com)
(630) 587-8282
Kane County Dept. of Environmental Management
(630) 208-3841 (www.co.kane.il.us)

Demographics - 2000 Census

	St. Charles City Only	St. Charles Township	Campton Township
Total Population	27,896	42,051	14,072
Median Age	36	36	37
Total # Households	14,861	10,351	4,347
Avg. Household Size	2.75	2.81	3.24
HH Owner Occupied	79.70%	74.00%	97.1%
NIPC 2020 Pop. Proj.	40,591	63,285	21,012
NIPC 2020 HH Proj.	15,217	22,750	6,841

Household Income

Less than \$25,000	7.2%	11.2%	3.8%
25,000 - \$34,999	7.2%	6.6%	3.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	12.7%	11.7%	6.5%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21.0%	21.3%	17.4%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	16.5%	16.2%	18.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	16.5%	17.2%	25.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	5.8%	6.3%	12.3%
\$200,000 or more	7.5%	9.5%	12.4%

Education, Age 25+

Not High School grad	1,531	2,177	259
High School graduate	3,958	5,853	1,372
Some college, no degree	3,619	5,554	1,968
Associate degree	1,239	1,809	637
Bachelor's degree	5,101	7,625	2,923
Graduate or Prof. degree	2,686	3,834	1,493

Residence in 1995

Population, Age 5+	26,253	39,286	13,068
Same house in 1995	52.4%	53.6%	61.3%
Diff. house in U.S. -1995	45.4%	44.6%	37.6%
Same county	18.5%	17.2%	14.4%
Different county	26.9%	27.4%	23.2%
Same state	17.2%	17.9%	14.9%
Different state	9.8%	9.5%	8.2%
Elsewhere in 1995	2.1%	1.8%	1.1%

SOURCE: U.S. Census 2000

Detailed population demographics from Northeast Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) on-line at www.nipc.cog.il.us. Special Census initiated Sept. 2003.

Home Purchases - St. Charles Township

Value	Transactions
Up to \$100,000	8
\$100,001 to \$200,000	197
\$200,001 to \$300,000	324
\$300,001 to \$400,000	204
\$400,001 to \$500,000	133
\$500,001 to \$600,000	65
\$600,001 to \$700,000	36
\$800,001 to \$800,000	19
\$800,001 & up	31

Average Home Purchased in 2002: \$344,237

SOURCE: St. Charles Township Assessor 2002

2002 Building Permits - St. Charles Only

	# of Permits	Value
Residential	642	\$61,955,684
Commercial	172	\$38,767,082
Industrial	50	\$1,397,080
All Others	1,054	\$9,153,820
Total	1,911	\$111,273,666

SOURCE: City of St. Charles Building & Zoning Dept.

**Consumer Spending Patterns
for Zip Codes 60174 & 60175**

Annual Expenditures	\$1,004,824,000
Food at home	\$94,663,000
Food away from home	\$107,484,000
Alcohol at home	\$17,792,000
Alcohol away from home	\$20,324,000
HH furnishings/eqpt.	\$38,941,000
HH textiles	\$18,525,000
Other HH eqpt/services	\$44,584,000
Apparel and services	\$129,788,000
Entertainment	\$146,112,000
Transportation	\$223,717,000
Health care	\$72,633,000
Personal care services	\$20,064,000
Reading materials	\$17,576,000
Cash contributions	\$52,621,000

SOURCE: Claritas, Inc. 2002

Legislative Districts**State** (www.illinois.gov)

IL State Representative District #49:	Timothy Schmitz
IL State Representative District #50:	Patricia Lindner
IL State Representative District #55:	John Millner
IL Senate District #25:	Chris Lauzen
IL Senate District #28:	Kathleen Wojcik

Federal (www.firstgov.gov)

U.S. Congressional District #14:	J. Dennis Hastert
U.S. Senators:	Peter Fitzgerald Richard J. Durbin

Local Media**Newspapers:**

Daily: Kane County Chronicle, Daily Herald,
Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune

Weekly: Press-Republican, Sun, The Examiner

Radio Stations:

WRMN AM 1410, WJKL FM 94.3,
WERV FM 95.9, WAIT AM 850

Cable TV:

Comcast

Labor Force

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) reports 164,339 workers in the Kane County labor force in 2002 with an unemployment rate of 6% in July 2003. Additional Illinois labor force statistics can be found at: <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/>.

Number Employed -2002 (covered by unemployment insurance, does not include government workers)

	Kane County	St. Charles City Only
ALL INDUSTRIES (NAICS)	164,339	22,969
Manufacturing	36,495	6,990
Wholesale Trade	8,572	904
Retail Trade	20,828	4,063
Transportation & Warehousing	2,485	109
Information	3,537	561
Finance & Insurance	8,085	665
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	1,673	306
Professional, Scientific & Tech. Svcs.	7,698	950
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2,146	173
Admin/Supv, Waste Mgmt, Remed. Svcs.	18,997	630
Educational Services	2,516	269
Health Care & Social Assistance	16,259	1,400
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5,788	324
Accommodations & Food Services	11,662	3,202
Other Services (except public admin.)	5,772	698
Unclassified	122	18

SOURCE: <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/wwwwork.htm>. Note conversion to NAICS data (previous profiles used SIC data)

Commercial Services

Metal related Mfg/Machine Shops, Tool & Die:	28
Plastic related Mfg/Molding Shops:	34

Labor Wages

Avg. Hourly Wage Rates: Kane County, IL- 2003

Occupation Title	Entry	Median	Exp.
Business & Financial Oper.	14.22	20.04	25.43
Computer & Mathematical	18.74	27.40	34.35
Architecture & Engineering	15.99	24.58	30.59
Life, Physical, Social Science	12.78	20.56	28.98
Legal	12.20	20.04	26.11
Education, Training, Library	11.38	17.13	22.58
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports, Media	7.97	15.23	24.39
Healthcare Practitioners/Tech.	11.08	20.06	26.87
Healthcare Support	7.82	11.18	13.59
Protective Service	12.34	17.30	21.01
Food Preparation & Serving	6.12	8.00	9.46
Bldg. & Grds/Cleaning & Maint.	7.15	10.08	12.96
Personal Care & Service	6.86	10.64	15.09

Extensive list found at: <http://www.ILWorkInfo.com>

Occupations of St. Charles Residents

	Num.	%
Ag, Forestry, Fisheries, Mining, Const.	1,558	8.9
Manufacturing	3,891	22.2
Transp., Comm. & Utilities	1,247	7.1
Wholesale Trade	1,173	6.7
Retail Trade	2,716	15.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,264	7.2
Prof. & Related Health Services	1,187	6.8
Prof. & Related Education Services	1,522	8.7
Other Prof. & Related Services	2,972	17.0
Total Private Sector Employees	17,530	100.0
Total Public Sector Employees	529	0.89
Total Persons Working at Home	616	
Total Military Employees	19	

SOURCE: Claritas, July 2002

Largest St. Charles Employers

Employer	Product/Service	Employees	
		F/T	P/T
Community Unit School District #303	Education K-12	929	452
Moore Wallace, Inc.*	Computer, ofc.sup., printing/wholesale dist.	640	0
System Sensor (Honeywell)	Mfg. commercial smoke detectors/fire equip.	519	3
Pheasant Run Resort/Convention Ctr.	Hotel and convention center and spa, golf course	500	0
ConAgra Foods	Manufacturer of delicatessen meats	420	0
Omron Automotive Electronics, Inc.	Automotive relays & controls	375	0
City of St. Charles	Municipal government	335	143
Illinois Youth Center	State of Illinois youth correctional facility	327	0
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Chicago	Beverage distribution	275	5
Jewel Food Stores*	Grocery store	293	200
Dopaco Inc.	Mfg. paper cartons for fast food industry	235	0
Dukane Corporation	Mfg. sound & communication equipment	225	0
Mason Corporation	Manufacture store fixtures and partitions	220	0
Wal-Mart	General merchandiser	190	60
Q Center	Conference & business training center	189	11
Aramark Services	Food service	180	0
Lowe's Home Improvement Whse.	Home improvement retailer	160	50

*multiple locations in St. Charles

Education

Pupil-Teacher Ratio:

Grades K-8 - 19.9:1 Grades 9-12 - 17.9:1

Public Schools:

Community Unit School District # 303 (www.d303.org)

Budget: 2002-2003: \$96,200,000

Type of School	# Schools
Elementary	12
Middle	3
High	2
Special Education	1*

*Mades-Johnstone Center - Mid-Valley Cooperative

Parochial/Private:

Illinois Math & Science Academy-Aurora (K-12)

St. Patrick's Catholic Grade School (K-8)

St. Charles Academy (Christian Elementary) (K-4)

Fox River Christian School (preschool-8)

Bridges Montessori (2) (preschool-2)

14 day care facilities in St. Charles

2 Year Accredited Public Community College:

Elgin Community College (10 miles north-Elgin, IL) supports the business community with the Business Conference Center, Applied Business Technology Center, and Advanced Technology Center (lab space for 21 occupational education programs). Business counseling offered at no cost at the St. Charles City Hall; call for an appointment at (847) 888-7488. Customized training is available through the Business and Industry Training Center, (847) 214-7804.

Waubonsee Community College (13 miles south-Aurora, IL) includes 117 classrooms, several conference rooms, library, teleconferencing facilities, specialized labs, student lounge, bookstore, child care center, cafeteria, observatory, 375 seat auditorium, gymnasium, 120-workstation computer center, on-line learning academy, and a fitness center, plus a two-mile nature trail. They can be reached at (630) 801-7900.

4 Year Institutions: Closest schools serving St. Charles are: Aurora University/Aurora; Northern Illinois University/Dekalb; Judson College/Elgin.

Business Meeting/Training Centers:

ACT (www.trainatact.com) - (630) 762-6826

25,000 s.f., 13 class rooms for up to 1,000

Q Center (www.qcenter.com) - (630) 377-3100

150 acres, 112 class rooms for up to 2,000

Recreation & Community Facilities

5 Hotels, 6 Motels, 1 Resort (total rooms 1269);
Eat/Drink Establishments: 118; Museums: 7;
Banquet Facilities: 6; Churches: 28

Other Amenities: Kane County Cougars baseball team, a Class "A" affiliate of the Florida Marlins; Fox Valley Ice Arena (home to the Freeze NAHL hockey team); 2 Community Centers (Baker and Pottawatomie Park); Norris Recreation Center; multiple cinemas; bowling alley; 62,500 s.f. sports center; 7 fitness centers; the St. Charles Belle and the Fox River Queen Paddlewheel Riverboats; canoeing on the Fox River; Farmer's Market (June-Oct); and many other entertainment and recreational opportunities. For more information on recreational events visit the St. Charles Community Web Site at: www.st-charles.il.us.

St. Charles supports the arts with the Dellora A. **Norris Cultural Arts Center** (980 seat theater and art gallery), 3 community theaters; 3 art schools; 15 area galleries or studios; 4 dance schools; and 3 music schools.

The **St. Charles Public Library** offers books, audio books, cd's, dvd's, on-line searchable catalog, interlibrary loan service, technology center, and more. The Library has programs for all ages and is open seven days a week year round. Visit on-line at www.st-charles.lib.il.us.

The **St. Charles Park District** maintains 1,400 acres of park land with 56 parks. The Park District offers 2 swimming pools, miniature golf, canoe and peddleboat rentals, 2 skate parks, 7 tennis courts, 2 community centers, a sports complex, and numerous year-round recreational activities for all ages. Visit on-line at www.st-charlesparks.org.

Located in St. Charles are four 18-hole golf courses (2 private/2 public) and one public 9-hole course (Park District); 18 additional courses within 10 miles.

Special Events include the *St. Patrick's Day Parade*, *Fine Arts Show* in May; *Bloomington Gold Corvette Show*, *Pride of the Fox River Festival* and *Mid-America Canoe Race* in June; *4th of July Celebration* and *Kane County Fair* in July, *Serendipity* in August; the *Scarecrow Festival* in October; and the *Holiday Homecoming and Electric Christmas Parade* in December. The *Kane County Flea Market* is held once a month, year round. For more information, contact the St. Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau at (630) 377-6161 or on line at www.visitstcharles.com.

Transportation

Motor Carrier:

Federal Highways Serving Area: US 20 & US 30
 State Highways Serving Area: Rtes. 64, 38, 31 & 25
 Interstate Hwys. Serving Area: I-88 & I-90
 Motor Carriers in St. Charles: 8
 Motor Carriers within 10 miles: 29
 Interstate Carriers: 14

Air:

Major Airports (Chicago): O'Hare Int'l Midway
 Driving Time 50 min. 1 hour
 # Passenger Airlines 48 14
 # Flights per day 2,528 834
 # Cargo Airlines 23 1

Area Public Airports: (Both with hard surface, lighted runway, fuel & charter service, and private aircraft maintenance & storage.)

	<u>DuPage Airport</u>	<u>Aurora Airport</u>
Driving Time	5 min.	20 min.
Longest Runway	7,570 ft.	6,500 ft.

Contiguous to St. Charles, DuPage is the State's 3rd busiest general aviation & commercial services airport with a U.S. Customs office and 24-hour tower.

Rail:

Nearest Intermodal Facility for Union Pacific Railroad:
 Intermodal/COFC at Berkley, IL - 23 miles
 Trailers traveling east/west, use Canal St.*, Chicago-35 mi
**new terminal in Rochelle for east/west in 2003*
 Trailers traveling north/south, use Dolton, IL - 40 mi

Public:

Taxi: 2 Limousine: 7
 Bus: PACE bus service includes 3 routes (801, 802, 921).
 PACE Dial-a-Ride-reduced rates serving Geneva and St. Charles (for handicapped and seniors age 62+).
 Van: O'Hare & Midway airport shuttle service
 Rail: METRA Commuter rail to Chicago from Geneva, West Chicago, and Elgin depots.

Travel Time:

Distance and travel time to major cities:

City	Hwy. Miles	Hwy. KM	Days by Rail	Days by Truck
Atlanta	695	1,112	5	2
Chicago	35	56	1	1
Cleveland	308	493	3	1
Dallas	917	1,467	5	3
Denver	976	1,562	4	2
Detroit	311	498	3	1
Kansas City	475	760	3	1
Los Angeles	2,065	3,304	6	5
Memphis	584	934	2	2

Financial Institutions

Banks: 18 Branches: 18
 Total Assets: \$1,032,712,000
 For additional information: www.fdic.gov

Medical

St. Charles Offices:

Doctors: 47 Dentist/Orthodontics: 4
 Podiatry: 2 Optometrist: 3
 Chiropractors: 13 Psychologist: 17

For a detailed list of area physicians contact the Physician Referral Service at (630) 208-3993.

Delnor Community Hospital: 118 Beds & 403 Doctors.

Delnor Community Hospital, a state-of-the-art acute-care facility in Geneva offers: Level II Trauma Center, Cancer Care Center, Poison Control, Health/Educational Classes, Home Health Services, New Life Maternity Center, Health & Wellness Center, Mammography, and 24-hour Emergency Room.

Delnor's Pain Management & Sleep Disorder Centers are located in St. Charles on North 5th Ave.

The Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center in St. Charles features the latest technology in surgical care and is utilized by over 160 area surgeons covering over 1,000 types of surgical procedures. The Valley Medical Inn, a post-recovery center adjacent to the Center, treats patients who require up to 72 hours of nursing care, and other services.

Climate

Avg. Winter Temperature	24.30°F	-4.27°C
Avg. Summer Temperature	74.70°F	23.72°C
Avg. Annual Precipitation	35.3 in.	89.6 cm.

For information contact:
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 Two East Main Street
 St. Charles, IL 60174
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